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Michael,

As participants of the Missoula Safe Routes to Schools initiative and as "drivers" of the weekly walking school bus to Lewis&Clark elementary school, Heiko and I wanted to let you know that we support House Bill 209 to impose stiffer penalties on school zone speeders. Our children need to be protected from unnecessary harm by careless drivers. Thanks for your work.

Ute & Heiko Langner
526 Canyon Gate Drive
Missoula, MT 59803

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As a parent of three children in the Bozeman school district, I am writing to support HB 209. This bill hits especially close to home for me as I have witnessed negligent fast driving in front of Longfellow Elementary school many times. Longfellow is located on the narrow Tracy Ave., in downtown Bozeman. Tracy is one street over from Wilson which is main thoroughfare traveling N-S which frequently gets backed up during early morning hours. This causes drivers to take the short cut on either side of Wilson, putting heavy morning traffic on Tracy Ave. The drivers travel so fast on this street that the Longfellow principle frequently posts a teacher or parent to watch students for speeders in front of the school. I have noticed that many of the travelers during this time appear to be students heading to class to MSU.

Elementary school students and parents should be able to travel to school without undue concern for speeders in the school zones, yet the current penalties are obviously not strict enough to cause drivers to take note.

Please support HB 209 and help keep our students safe.
Linda Phillips
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Bozeman, MT 59715

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To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Christopher Harris
Subject: H.B. 209
Date: January 15, 2009

I am writing to express my strong support for H.B. 209, sponsored by Representative Phillips. This bill has a simple, straightforward purpose: to prevent injuries to Montana's schoolchildren caused by speeding drivers. H.B. 209 would elevate the fines for violating speed limits in school zones from double to triple the amount of the standard penalty. Equally important, the speed limit and these new tough penalties would be clearly spelled out on street signs near the school. The entire objective of this legislation is to deter violators and thereby keep our children a little safer.

It has been my observation over the years that virtually all drivers know what the applicable speed limit is – and they frequently know the applicable penalty. Their violations involve a calculated risk: *"Can I get away with it and, if not, what's the worst that could happen?"* The unambiguous message of Rep. Phillips' bill is: *"Don't even think about speeding near our schools. But, if you are caught speeding it will cost you plenty."* This is precisely the kind of message this Legislature should be sending. I urge this committee to favorably report on H.B.

Kirk J. Miller
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Bozeman, MT 59718
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January 20, 2009

Re: HB 209

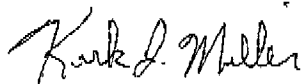
House Judiciary Committee:

As a school superintendent and educator with 29 years of serving Montana students, I support HB 209 as introduced by Representative Mike Phillips.

Increasing the fine for a violation of the speed limit near schools is intended to draw attention to driving safely in school zones. Increasing the fine accomplishes that. Additionally, our schools have committed to projects on safe routes to schools providing speed monitors that are solar powered and clearly display vehicle speeds near our schools. We continue to work on educating our community through the Complete Streets Project.

Representative Phillip's HB 209 complements our community-wide efforts to develop safety in and around our schools. Thank you for your consideration and support of this bill.

Sincerely,



Kirk J. Miller
Superintendent
Bozeman School District #7

January 20, 2009

To Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As the Transportation Coordinator for the Bozeman School District I am in support of House Bill 209 for increasing the fine for speeding in a school zone. The statistics are dramatic for the number of motorists who daily travel through our school zones above the posted speed limit. Having traffic calming devices in place such as cross walks, signals and crossing guards is not enough. The obvious fact is, how higher speeds significantly increase the risk for a fatal injury to a pedestrian. A vehicle traveling 30 mph is 35% more likely to cause a severe or fatal injury compared to one traveling at 20 mph.

Given the facts of motorist behavior and the desire to improve safety in and around our schools, this bill is a positive step towards decreasing the chances of an accident. If every effort is not taken to protect our children it will not be a matter of if, but when.

Sincerely

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Vance Ruff

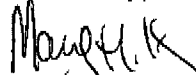
Marilyn H. King, Ed.D.
2604 Westridge Drive
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 522-0694

January 20, 2009

I am writing in support of House Bill 209. Although I write this letter as a private citizen, I serve as an Assistant Superintendent in the Bozeman Public Schools and also facilitate the District's Wellness Advisory Committee. I believe in the concepts of neighborhood schools and Safe Routes to School for children. This Bill will provide additional incentive for drivers to slow down near schools, increasing safe passages for children near schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Marilyn H. King', written over the printed name.

Marilyn H. King

January, 20, 2009

To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee.

As a parent of a soon-to-be kindergartner, and as a member of the Bozeman Education Association, I am writing to request your support of House Bill 209.

Representative Phillips is correct: Montana school children need more protection in our school zones. This bill would help make that happen.

Another key component of this bill is the posting of the maximum fine motorists could receive if they speed in a school zone. The message would be clear: slow down!

Protecting our children from harm is a concept all Montanans should support.

Thank you for your consideration,



Tami Phillippi
Bozeman Education Association President

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Hello Mike,

I am one of your constituents and am writing to tell you that many of us at Irving School would be behind a bill that you might introduce for higher fines for speeding in school zones. We have quite a problem with speeders who drive by three major crossings that Irving students frequently use.

If you'd like more information about our situation or anything else that might assist you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Elin Hert

Co-President Parents of Irving Children

216 S. 10th Avenue

Bozeman, MT 59715

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